New renewable energy policy

417. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister promised that Government would soon finalise "a new Renewable Energy Policy" while inaugurating a 15 M. W. Commercial Wind Power Project on the 5th July, 2000 at Kayathar in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is at present country's power generation from renewable energy sources in percentage of its total power generation and by when the target of 10,000 M.W. of renewable power generation is likely to be achieved; and

(d) the increase in Central budgetary support during 2000-2001 and whether the State Governments have also been asked to allocate matching resources in their annual plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has prepared a draft Renewable Energy Policy Statement. The objective of the Policy Statement is to enhance the contribution of renewables, namely, solar, wind, biomass and small hydro by meeting minimum rural energy needs; providing decentralised/off-grid supply for agriculture, industry, commercial and household sectors in rural and urban areas, and, grid quality power generation and supply. The draft of the Policy Statement has been submitted by the Ministry for further approvals.

(c) about 1700 MW, or around 1.74% of the total installed power capacity in the country is now based on renewable energy sources. A target of 10,000 MW of renewable power generation is envisaged for the year 2012.

(d) The Central budgetary support for non-conventional energy sources has been increased by about Rs. 128 crore during the year 2000-2001.

In the Annual Renewable Energy Conference held recently, State Governments were requested to keep adequate provisions in their State Plans for programmes which require matching contribution.

Use of non-conventional energy drinking water mission

418. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing technology of non-conventional